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THE HAGUE FOR UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP

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1. DURING CONVERSATION BEFORE MINISTER'S TALK TO AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON DECEMBER 17, ECONOMICS MINISTER
CLAES (WHOSE MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING ENERGY
POLICY) TOLD ECOMCOUNS THAT HE PERSONALLY STRONGLY SUPPORTED
SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP. HE SAID
WHILE THE GOB HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THE MATTER, WE
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COULD COUNT ON HIS FIRM SUPPORT ON THE PROPOSAL IN THE
GOVERNMENT. HE HAD ALREADY INFORMED THE FOREIGN

MINISTER OF HIS VIEWS.

2. LATER, DURING QUESTION PERIOD, MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT RESULTS OF THE LAST EC COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF ENERGY POLICY. HE HOPED THAT SOMETHING MORE MIGHT COME OUT OF THE SUMMIT MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. HE THEN AGAIN PUBLICLY GAVE HIS PERSONAL SUPPORT TO SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL SAYING THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A EUROPEAN ENERGY POLICY WOULD BE INCOMPLETE UNLESS PROVISION WERE MADE FOR COORDINATION WITH EUROPE'S "GREAT ALLAY", THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH JAPAN.

3. AFTERNOON PRESS OF DECEMBER 17 REFERS TO BRITISH AND GERMAN SUPPORT FOR SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL. PRESS GOES ON TO SAY THAT DUTCH WOULD ALSO TEND TO SUPPORT IN THE LIGHT OF US OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF NEED AND THAT OUT OF BELELUX SOLIDARITY BELGIUM WOULD BE UNDER PRESSURE TO GO ALONG. PRESS REFERS TO BENELUX PRESENTATION AT SUMMIT ON DECEMBER 15 AS FALLING BETWEEN FRENCH POSITION AND SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL. BOOCHEVER

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